

## Expectations

### What you can expect from me

- Punctuality. Each class will start promptly at 10h30 and end by 12h00. Homework will be returned the following class. Quizzes and exams will be returned as promptly as possible.
- Prepared. I will prepare each class with the goal of highlighting and engaging key ideas accurately and efficiently, doing my best to put myself in your shoes.
- Mistakes. I will do my best to present clearly and accurately. However, I promise I will be unclear and make mistakes. Please (kindly) alert me to anything that you find unclear or dubious, preferably immediately.

### What I expect from you

- Read. Read the assigned sections before each class. Actively engage the reading: write your questions, comments, and quips in the margins; work through the examples on your own. Doing this will make class meetings (and likely your grade) more rewarding.
- Participate. Actively participate in class. This may feel awkward the first few days, before we all know one another; do it anyway. Participating in (rather than attending) a class changes things.
- Collaborate. Work with your peers on the examples in the reading, the assigned exercises, and the review problems.
- Communicate. If something is unclear or dubious, please (kindly) alert me, preferably immediately.
- Mistakes. You are allowed to make mistakes. When I was learning how to ice skate, an instructor whom I greatly respected told me that if I wasn't falling on my butt multiple times each practice, then I wasn't pushing myself hard enough. I encourage you to push yourself hard and risk falling on your mathematical butt during class meetings and when working with your colleagues. If you do this, then soon enough, you will skate cleanly.